

REMARKS

Claims in the case are 19-30, upon entry of this amendment. No claims have been amended, Claims 22-30 have been added, and Claims 1-3, 6, 11, 13 and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice herein.

Claims 4, 7-9 and 12 were cancelled in an amendment dated 21 November 2003. Claim 10 was cancelled in an amendment dated 25 May 2003. Claims 5 and 15-18 were previously cancelled in an Amendment dated 19 November 2004. Claims 19-21 were added in an Amendment dated 19 November 2004.

Basis for added Claims 22, 25 and 28 is found in Claim 6. Basis for added Claims 23, 26 and 29 is found in Claim 11. Basis for added Claims 24, 27 and 30 is found in Claim 13.

Entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested as it is not deemed to represent the entry of new matter into the case, or to raise new material issues as to patentability.

Claims 1-3, 6, 11, 13 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-3, 6, 11, 13 and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice herein.

Claims 1-3, 6, 11, 13 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,641,846 (**Bieringer et al**) in view of DE 197 03 132 A1 (**Berneth et al**) and United States Patent No. 5,384,221 (**Savant et al**). Claims 1-3, 6, 11, 13 and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice herein.


Applicants note with appreciation the statement of allowability as to Claims 19, 20 and 21 on page 5 of the Office Action of 26 August 2005.

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In light of the amendments herein and the preceding remarks, Applicants' presently pending claims are deemed be in condition for allowance. The issuance of a Notice of Allowance as to Claims 19-30 at an early date is respectfully requested.

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